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GENEVA FOR PHELAN AND SMITH

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1. IN ABSENCE OF FONMIN OFFICIAL TO WHOM EMBASSY TEXTILE NOTE WAS DELIVERED ON JULY 3, EMBOFF ON JULY 7 CALLED RAFAEL NEY LIZARDI, SUB-DIRECTOR FOR TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN GOM PATRIMONY SECRETARIAT, TO DISCUSS FONMIN'S PROPOSED REPLY NOTE TO EMBASSY'S LATE APRIL NOTES (A) AMENDING THIRD YEAR OF TEXTILE BILATERAL AND (B) EXTENDING BILATERAL FOR TWO MONTHS TO END OF JUNE. EMBOFF REQUESTED LIZARDI TO SUPPORT EMBOFF'S REQUEST TO FONMIN THAT ITS REPLY NOTE ON AMENDMENT OF TEXTILE BILATERAL DELETE MENTION OF EXTENSION, PROVIDING RATIONALE CONTAINED REFTEL. LIZARDI INFORMALLY AND UNOFFICIALLY AGREED THAT EXTENSION OF BILATERAL WAS NOW A DEAD ISSUE AND SHOULD NOT BE MENTIONED IN FONMIN'S REPLY NOTE. HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD CALL FONMIN OFFICIAL TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER, AND SAID HE WOULD ALSO TRY TO REACH ABEL GARRIDO CONCERNING THIS MATTER.
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HOWEVER, LIZARDI FELT REACHING GARRIDO MIGHT BE DIFFICULT SINCE GARRIDO INVOLVED IN VARIOUS MEETINGS PREPARATORY TO LEAVING FOR GENEVA ON JULY 8.

2. ON JULY 6, EMBOFF HAD LUNCHEON MEETING WITH LIZARDI, AT WHICH TIME VARIOUS TEXTILE MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED. PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY WERE LIZARDI'S COMMENTS ON GOM

TRADE LIBERALIZATION IN TEXTILE AREA.

3. NOTING THAT GOM LAST WEEK REMOVED PRIOR IMPORT LICENSE REQUIREMENTS (ALTHOUGH AT SAME TIME INCREASING DUTIES) ON IMPORTS OF ARTIFICIAL FIBERS, LIZARDI SAID HE HAS BEEN URGING GRADUAL LIBERALIZATION OF GOM RESTRICTIONS ON TEXTILE IMPORTS IN INTER-MINISTERIAL TRADE LIBERALIZATION MEETINGS. HE INDICATED THERE WAS GENERAL DEGREE OF SUPPORT FROM OTHER MINISTRIES FOR HIS PROPOSALS. LIZARDI'S PROPOSALS INCLUDE REMOVING IMPORT LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND RAISING DUTIES ON FABRICS IN NEXT STAGE, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS BEING PERHAPS ONE TO ONE-AND-A-HALF YEARS DOWN THE ROAD, AT WHICH TIME THE HIGHER DUTIES ON ARTIFICIAL FIBERS WOULD ALSO BE REDUCED SOMEWHAT. FOLLOWING STAGE WOULD BE TO REMOVE IMPORT LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND RAISE DUTIES ON APPAREL IMPORTS, AT WHICH TIME HIGHER DUTIES ON ARTIFICIAL FIBERS AND FABRICS WOULD BE REDUCED. HE FELT THIS GRADUAL APPROACH TO TEXTILE IMPORT LIBERALIZATION WOULD PROVIDE MEXICAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY WITH SUFFICIENT TIME TO ADJUST TO IMPORT COMPETITION. EMBOFF SAID THESE WOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE MOVES IF IMPLEMENTED. HE ALSO TOLD LIZARDI THAT IF THERE WERE GOM AGREEMENT ON GRADUAL LIBERALIZATION OF TEXTILE IMPORTS OR A PLAN FOR GRADUAL LIBERALIZATION, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF GOM WOULD OFFICIALLY INFORM USG OF THIS. HE REMINDED LIZARDI OF EXCHANGES OF VIEWS DURING RECENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BILATERAL TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS ON RESTRICTIVE GOM APPROACH TO TEXTILE IMPORTS AND NEGATIVE IMPACT GOM RESTRICTIONS HAD ON US TEXTILE INDUSTRY AND LABOR ATTITUDES TOWARD HEFTY GOM REQUESTS FOR VARIOUS CATEGORY LEVELS WHILE AT SAME TIME GOM VIRTUALLY BARS US INDUSTRY FROM OPPORTUNITIES TO COMPETE IN MEXICAN TEXTILE MARKET.

4. LIZARDI ALSO MENTIONED THAT FOLLOWING LUNCHEON MEETING HE AND ABEL GARRIDO HAD APPOINTMENT TO BRIEF MEXICAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY REPS ON RECENT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. EMBOFF THUS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF JULY 7 CALL TO LIZARDI TO ALSO ASK HIM ABOUT PREVIOUS DAY'S MEETING WITH INDUSTRY. LIZARDI REPLIED THAT IN ADDITION TO BRIEFING INDUSTRY ON NEGOTIATIONS, GARRIDO HAD NOTED IN HIS REMARKS NEED FOR INDUSTRY TO MAINTAIN ORDERLY EXPORTS TO US AND NOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CURRENT ABSENCE OF BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT WITH US.
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